



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5158

LCO No. 680



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) No institution of higher
2 education in the state may reduce the amount of financial aid awarded
3 to any student as a result of such student receiving a scholarship,
4 whether from a private or public source, provided an institution of
5 higher education may reduce the amount of financial aid if (1) a
6 student's total financial aid meets or exceeds such student's cost of
7 attendance, as defined in 20 USC 1087*ll*, as amended from time to time,
8 or (2) such reduction is necessary to bring the total financial aid awarded
9 to a student athlete, as defined in section 10a-56 of the general statutes,
10 in compliance with the individual or team financial aid restrictions of an
11 athletic association or conference, including, but not limited to, the
12 NCAA, as defined in section 10a-55k of the general statutes. As used in
13 this section, "financial aid" means the sum of all scholarships, grants and
14 federal, state and institutional aid received by a student, and "financial
15 aid" does not include any federal, state or private student loans received
16 by a student.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit an institution of higher education from reducing the amount of financial aid awarded to a student as result of such student receiving a scholarship.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]